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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Nobuyoshi NAMBU et al. Art Unit: 1724  
Application No.: 09/674,167 Examiner: Cintins, I.  
Filed : December 28, 2000  
Title : CHELATE-FORMING FILTER, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING  
THE SAME, AND METHOD OF PURIFYING LIQUID USING  
THE FILTER

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2002,  
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 3-4, 6-10, 12-18, 20 and 22-26  
without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please add the following new claims 28-43 as follows:

C 1 -- 28. (New) A chelate-forming filter comprising at least  
one of a natural fiber and a regenerated fiber containing at  
least one chelate-forming functional group, said chelate-forming  
functional group being selected from:

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